

## POPULATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Kansas increased in population from 2,565,328 residents in 1995 to 2,572,150 residents in 1996, a 0.3 percent increase. Butler, Osage, and Jefferson counties had the largest increases in population from 1992 to 1996 with percent changes of 14.1, 9.5 and 8.6 respectively. Geary, Decatur, and Comanche counties had the largest decreases in population with percent changes of 15.5, 9.7 and 8.2 respectively. (Table 2)
- According to U.S. Census Bureau's intercensal estimates, there were 2,572,150 Kansans in 1996, an 11.9 percent increase in total population since 1976. (Figure 4)
- The rate of natural increase has steadily declined from a rate of 16.1 in 1956. In 1996, the natural increase rate was 5.0, a 3.8 percent decrease from 5.2 in 1995. (Figure 5)
- The median age of Kansans in 1996 was 34.7 years, a 9.1 percent increase from the 31.8 year median age in 1986. This increase in median age indicates that Kansans are increasing in age with Kansas females being older than Kansas males. (Figure 6)
- The percent increase in the Kansas total population from 1986-1996 was 4.6 percent, including a 5.0 percent increase for Kansas males and a 4.1 percent increase for Kansas females. Shifts in the Kansas population distribution by age from 1986 to 1996 include decreases in the 0-4, 15-24, 25-34 and 55-64 age-groups of 6.7, 4.4, 17.5 and 9.8 percent respectively. An increase of 30.7 percent in residents 35-44 years of age and 35.4 percent in residents 45-54 years of age reflects the aging of the baby boomers. Furthermore, there was an 11.8, 1.1, and 13.3 percent increase in the 5-14, 65-74, and 75 and over age-groups respectively. (Figure 7, Table 4)
- The population density of Kansas was 31.4 persons per square mile in 1996, a 23.6 percent increase from 25.4 persons per square mile in 1956 and a 4.3 percent increase in population density since 1986. For comparison, the population density of the U.S. has increased from 46.7 to 71.1 persons per square mile from 1956 to 1996 respectively, a 52.2 percent increase. (Figure 8)
- In 1996, 26 of Kansas' 105 counties had population densities of less than 5.0 persons per square mile. The most sparsely populated county was Wallace, which had a density of 2.0 persons per square mile. The most densely populated county was Wyandotte, with 1016.1 persons per square mile. (Figure 9)

TABLE 2  
COUNTY POPULATION  
KANSAS, 1992-1996

County of Residence	Year					Percent Change 1992-1996
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
Kansas.....	2,522,574	2,530,746	2,554,047	2,565,328	2,572,150	2.0
Allen.....	14,351	14,734	14,794	14,739	14,645	2.0
Anderson.....	7,710	7,859	7,905	8,000	8,054	4.5
Atchison.....	16,675	16,762	16,754	16,258	16,234	-2.6
Barber.....	5,779	5,665	5,609	5,603	5,484	-5.1
Barton.....	29,106	29,434	28,896	28,614	28,097	-3.5
Bourbon.....	14,837	14,850	14,862	15,013	15,159	2.2
Brown.....	11,040	11,032	11,031	11,075	10,965	-0.7
Butler.....	51,912	53,830	55,735	57,746	59,226	14.1
Chase.....	2,946	2,903	2,917	2,885	2,886	-2.0
Chautauqua.....	4,277	4,318	4,372	4,439	4,379	2.4
Cherokee.....	21,326	21,712	22,054	22,437	22,505	5.5
Cheyenne.....	3,153	3,209	3,266	3,230	3,220	2.1
Clark.....	2,371	2,360	2,409	2,379	2,382	0.5
Clay.....	8,971	9,246	9,266	9,317	9,319	3.9
Cloud.....	10,823	10,623	10,516	10,488	10,247	-5.3
Coffey.....	8,264	8,612	8,651	8,691	8,743	5.8
Comanche.....	2,257	2,176	2,151	2,099	2,072	-8.2
Cowley.....	37,165	36,871	37,240	37,107	37,055	-0.3
Crawford.....	35,306	35,658	36,332	36,488	36,337	2.9
Decatur.....	3,899	3,816	3,586	3,547	3,521	-9.7
Dickinson.....	18,728	19,300	19,726	19,911	19,856	6.0
Doniphan.....	7,988	8,085	7,625	7,608	7,766	-2.8
Douglas.....	85,156	85,057	88,031	88,206	89,899	5.6
Edwards.....	3,688	3,614	3,557	3,564	3,471	-5.9
Elk.....	3,259	3,183	3,332	3,356	3,393	4.1
Ellis.....	25,919	26,120	26,015	26,145	26,186	1.0
Ellsworth.....	6,612	6,512	6,459	6,445	6,372	-3.6
Finney.....	36,524	34,278	34,726	34,913	35,545	-2.7
Ford.....	28,499	28,016	28,477	28,909	29,309	2.8
Franklin.....	22,135	22,450	23,207	23,164	23,565	6.5
Geary.....	31,156	33,101	31,099	29,638	26,341	-15.5
Gove.....	3,154	3,284	3,162	3,091	3,089	-2.1
Graham.....	3,472	3,422	3,390	3,336	3,260	-6.1
Grant.....	7,166	7,672	7,676	7,837	7,697	7.4
Gray.....	5,440	5,424	5,380	5,367	5,527	1.6
Greeley.....	1,764	1,702	1,803	1,834	1,754	-0.6
Greenwood.....	7,709	7,873	7,995	8,032	8,090	4.9
Hamilton.....	2,351	2,334	2,311	2,343	2,296	-2.3
Harper.....	7,015	6,824	6,694	6,651	6,524	-7.0
Harvey.....	31,265	31,206	31,727	31,145	31,302	0.1
Haskell.....	3,879	3,990	3,993	4,027	3,922	1.1
Hodgeman.....	2,173	2,166	2,242	2,268	2,231	2.7
Jackson.....	11,540	11,502	11,634	11,809	11,978	3.8
Jefferson.....	16,131	16,321	16,822	17,133	17,514	8.6
Jewell.....	4,105	4,052	3,943	3,952	4,011	-2.3
Johnson.....	380,700	377,448	392,975	401,054	408,341	7.3
Kearny.....	4,164	4,025	4,139	4,182	4,216	1.2
Kingman.....	8,211	8,266	8,469	8,566	8,545	4.1
Kiowa.....	3,602	3,604	3,604	3,605	3,571	-0.9
Labette.....	23,605	23,488	23,148	22,862	22,869	-3.1
Lane.....	2,336	2,290	2,322	2,275	2,211	-5.4
Leavenworth.....	66,605	67,428	68,852	69,323	69,904	5.0
Lincoln.....	3,572	3,507	3,454	3,431	3,388	-5.2
Linn.....	8,328	8,442	8,570	8,698	8,974	7.8
Logan.....	3,025	3,163	3,145	3,178	3,113	2.9

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	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
Lyon.....	34,917	34,527	34,703	34,650	34,384	-1.5
Marion.....	12,790	12,752	13,077	12,961	12,898	0.8
Marshall.....	11,433	11,301	11,270	11,261	11,286	-1.3
McPherson.....	27,484	27,566	28,101	27,267	27,548	0.2
Meade.....	4,183	4,256	4,289	4,355	4,436	6.0
Miami.....	24,084	24,147	24,723	25,187	25,933	7.7
Mitchell.....	7,051	7,204	7,080	7,092	7,096	0.6
Montgomery.....	38,260	38,083	37,706	37,694	37,414	-2.2
Morris.....	6,187	6,250	6,321	6,327	6,340	2.5
Morton.....	3,422	3,433	3,399	3,303	3,315	-3.1
Nemaha.....	10,360	10,427	10,443	10,443	10,389	0.3
Neosho.....	16,805	17,076	16,967	16,994	16,893	0.5
Ness.....	3,925	3,888	3,840	3,752	3,663	-6.7
Norton.....	5,810	5,752	5,744	5,735	5,762	-0.8
Osage.....	15,274	15,637	16,325	16,729	16,726	9.5
Osborne.....	4,720	4,791	4,695	4,696	4,606	-2.4
Ottawa.....	5,570	5,552	5,634	5,749	5,815	4.4
Pawnee.....	7,380	7,664	7,721	7,615	7,470	1.2
Phillips.....	6,512	6,430	6,362	6,270	6,194	-4.9
Pottawatomie.....	16,525	16,924	17,425	17,548	17,908	8.4
Pratt.....	9,537	9,656	9,605	9,696	9,746	2.2
Rawlins.....	3,323	3,318	3,299	3,234	3,249	-2.2
Reno.....	61,746	62,527	62,551	63,263	62,901	1.9
Republic.....	6,365	6,171	6,240	6,215	6,253	-1.8
Rice.....	10,434	10,344	10,320	10,086	10,044	-3.7
Riley.....	68,159	67,486	67,778	69,784	64,716	-5.1
Rooks.....	5,885	6,001	5,936	5,884	5,849	-0.6
Rush.....	3,746	3,783	3,566	3,541	3,537	-5.6
Russell.....	7,637	7,641	7,668	7,701	7,658	0.3
Saline.....	49,193	50,759	51,433	51,831	51,782	5.3
Scott.....	5,208	5,274	5,157	5,074	5,029	-3.4
Sedgwick.....	413,328	419,246	419,367	419,333	422,437	2.2
Seward.....	19,304	18,843	19,123	19,370	20,002	3.6
Shawnee.....	163,301	164,427	165,121	165,062	164,938	1.0
Sheridan.....	2,981	2,973	2,825	2,824	2,760	-7.4
Sherman.....	6,800	6,790	6,886	6,706	6,733	-1.0
Smith.....	4,977	4,647	4,806	4,782	4,741	-4.7
Stafford.....	5,302	5,096	5,231	5,193	5,129	-3.3
Stanton.....	2,355	2,343	2,299	2,331	2,297	-2.5
Stevens.....	5,124	5,179	5,177	5,257	5,347	4.4
Sumner.....	26,070	26,243	26,436	26,519	26,901	3.2
Thomas.....	8,250	8,371	8,341	8,331	8,326	0.9
Trego.....	3,594	3,537	3,470	3,449	3,440	-4.3
Wabaunsee.....	6,570	6,446	6,638	6,603	6,664	1.4
Wallace.....	1,805	1,827	1,816	1,798	1,812	0.4
Washington.....	6,893	6,757	6,810	6,833	6,738	-2.2
Wichita.....	2,721	2,769	2,886	2,841	2,725	0.1
Wilson.....	10,091	10,105	10,292	10,321	10,353	2.6
Woodson.....	4,017	4,031	4,020	3,999	3,980	-0.9
Wyandotte.....	162,022	159,677	155,075	153,826	153,427	-5.3

Source: 1994-1996, U.S. Bureau of the Census  
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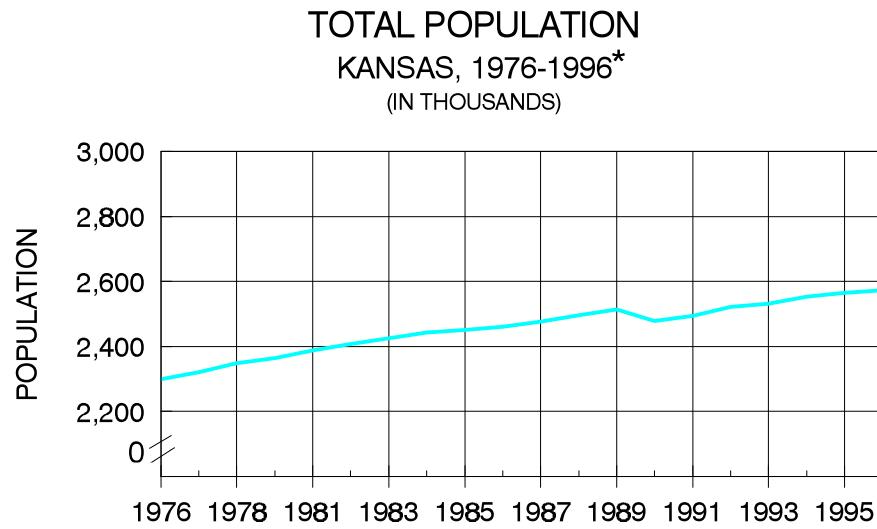
TABLE 3  
CITY POPULATION\*  
KANSAS, 1992-1996

City of Residence	Year					Percent Change 1992-1996
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
Abilene.....	6,200	6,400	6,500	6,600	6,500	4.8
Andover.....	4,200	4,300	4,500	4,600	4,700	11.9
Anthony.....	2,500	2,400	2,400	2,300	2,300	-8.0
Arkansas City.....	12,800	12,700	12,900	12,800	12,800	0.0
Atchison.....	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,200	10,200	-2.9
Augusta.....	8,100	8,400	8,700	9,000	9,200	13.6
Baldwin City.....	3,100	3,100	3,200	3,200	3,300	6.5
Baxter Springs.....	4,300	4,400	4,500	4,600	4,600	7.0
Belleville.....	2,500	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	-4.0
Beloit.....	4,000	4,100	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0
Bonner Springs.....	6,400	6,300	6,100	6,100	6,100	-4.7
Burlington.....	2,700	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	3.7
Chanute.....	9,400	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,400	0.0
Cherryvale.....	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0
Clay Center.....	4,500	4,700	4,700	4,700	4,700	4.4
Coffeyville.....	12,700	12,700	12,500	12,500	12,500	-1.6
Colby.....	5,400	5,500	5,500	5,400	5,400	0.0
Columbus.....	3,300	3,300	3,400	3,400	3,400	3.0
Concordia.....	6,100	5,900	5,900	5,900	5,700	-6.6
Derby.....	15,100	15,300	15,300	15,300	15,400	2.0
Dodge City.....	21,900	21,600	21,900	22,200	22,500	2.7
Edwardsville.....	4,000	3,900	3,800	3,800	3,800	-5.0
El Dorado.....	11,800	12,200	12,700	13,100	13,500	14.4
Ellinwood.....	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	-4.3
Emporia.....	25,600	25,400	25,500	25,500	25,300	-1.2
Eudora.....	3,100	3,100	3,200	3,200	3,300	6.5
Eureka.....	2,900	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,100	6.9
Fairway.....	4,500	4,400	4,600	4,700	4,800	6.7
Fort Scott.....	8,300	8,300	8,300	8,400	8,500	2.4
Fredonia.....	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	4.0
Frontenac.....	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,700	2,600	0.0
Galena.....	3,300	3,400	3,400	3,500	3,500	6.1
Garden City.....	26,600	25,000	25,300	25,400	25,900	-2.6
Garnett.....	3,200	3,200	3,300	3,300	3,300	3.1
Girard.....	2,800	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,900	3.6
Goodland.....	4,900	4,900	5,000	4,800	4,800	-2.0
Great Bend.....	15,300	15,500	15,200	15,000	14,800	-3.3
Hays.....	17,700	17,800	17,800	17,900	17,900	1.1
Haysville.....	8,600	8,700	8,700	8,700	8,800	2.3
Herington.....	2,700	2,700	2,800	2,800	2,800	3.7
Hesston.....	3,000	3,000	3,100	3,000	3,000	0.0
Hiawatha.....	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	0.0
Hillsboro.....	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0
Hoisington.....	3,200	3,200	3,100	3,100	3,000	-6.3
Holton.....	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,300	3,300	3.1
Hugoton.....	3,200	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,400	6.3
Hutchinson.....	38,900	39,400	39,400	39,900	39,600	1.8
Independence.....	9,800	9,800	9,700	9,700	9,600	-2.0

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City of Residence	Year					Percent Change 1992-1996
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
Iola.....	6,200	6,400	6,400	6,400	6,400	3.2
Junction City.....	21,100	22,400	21,000	20,100	17,800	-15.6
Kansas City.....	149,800	147,600	143,400	142,200	141,800	-5.3
Kingman.....	3,200	3,200	3,300	3,300	3,300	3.1
Lansing.....	7,400	7,500	7,600	7,700	7,700	4.1
Larned.....	4,400	4,600	4,600	4,500	4,400	0.0
Lawrence.....	68,300	68,200	70,600	70,700	72,100	5.6
Leavenworth.....	39,800	40,300	41,200	41,500	41,800	5.0
Leawood.....	21,100	20,900	21,800	22,200	22,600	7.1
Lenexa.....	36,500	36,200	37,700	38,400	39,100	7.1
Liberal.....	17,100	16,700	16,900	17,100	17,700	3.5
Lindsborg.....	3,100	3,100	3,200	3,100	3,100	0.0
Lyons.....	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,500	3,500	-2.8
Manhattan.....	38,400	38,200	38,600	39,600	37,400	-2.6
Marysville.....	3,300	3,200	3,200	3,400	3,200	-3.0
McPherson.....	12,500	12,600	12,800	12,400	12,500	0.0
Medicine Lodge.....	2,400	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,300	-4.2
Merriam.....	12,700	12,600	13,100	13,400	13,600	7.1
Mission.....	10,200	10,100	10,500	10,700	10,900	6.9
Mission Hills.....	3,700	3,700	3,800	3,900	4,000	8.1
Mulvane.....	4,800	4,800	4,900	4,900	4,900	2.1
Neodesha.....	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,900	3.6
Newton.....	16,800	16,800	17,100	16,800	16,800	0.0
Norton.....	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	0.0
Olathe.....	67,900	67,300	70,100	71,600	72,900	7.4
Osage City.....	2,700	2,800	2,900	3,000	2,900	7.4
Osawatomie.....	4,700	4,700	4,800	4,900	5,100	8.5
Ottawa.....	10,700	10,900	11,300	11,200	11,400	6.5
Overland Park.....	119,900	118,800	123,700	126,300	128,600	7.3
Paola.....	4,800	4,800	4,900	5,000	5,200	8.3
Parsons.....	11,900	11,800	11,600	11,500	11,500	-3.4
Phillipsburg.....	2,800	2,800	2,700	2,700	2,700	-3.6
Pittsburg.....	17,600	17,800	18,200	18,200	18,200	3.4
Plainville.....	2,100	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0
Prairie Village.....	24,900	24,600	25,700	26,200	26,700	7.2
Pratt.....	6,600	6,700	6,600	6,700	6,700	1.5
Roeland Park.....	8,300	8,200	8,500	8,700	8,900	7.2
Russell.....	4,700	4,700	4,700	4,700	4,700	0.0
Salina.....	42,200	43,600	44,100	44,500	44,400	5.2
Scott City.....	3,700	3,800	3,700	3,600	3,600	-2.7
Shawnee.....	40,700	40,400	42,100	42,900	43,700	7.4
Topeka.....	121,600	122,500	123,000	123,000	122,800	1.0
Ulysses.....	5,500	5,900	5,900	6,000	5,900	7.3
Valley Center.....	3,700	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	2.7
Wamego.....	3,800	3,900	4,000	4,000	4,100	7.9
Wellington.....	8,500	8,500	8,600	8,600	8,800	3.5
Wichita.....	311,300	315,700	315,800	315,800	318,200	2.2
Winfield.....	12,000	11,900	12,000	12,000	12,000	0.0

\* Includes cities with populations of 2,500 or more as reported by the 1980 U.S. Bureau of the Census.



\*U.S. CENSUS BUREAU ESTIMATE  
 NOT AVAILABLE FOR 1979

YEAR

Figure 4

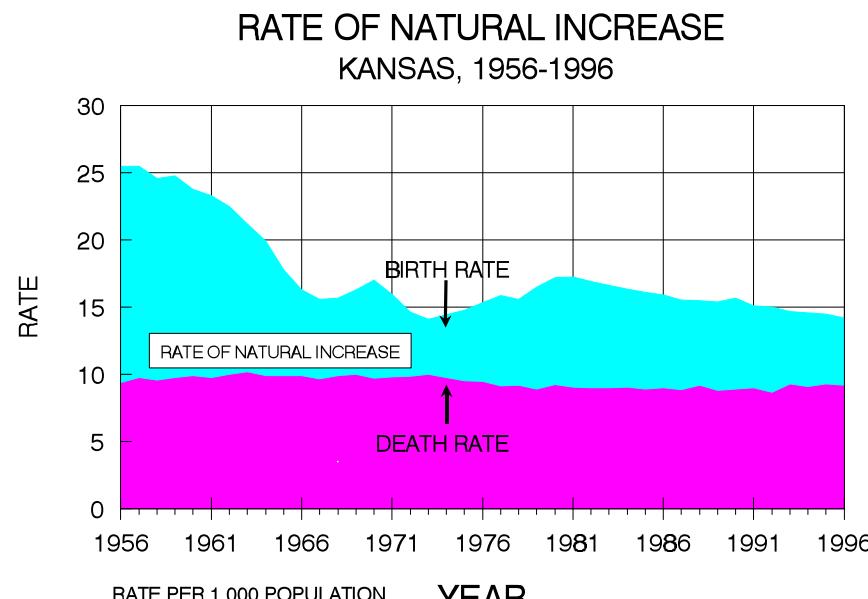
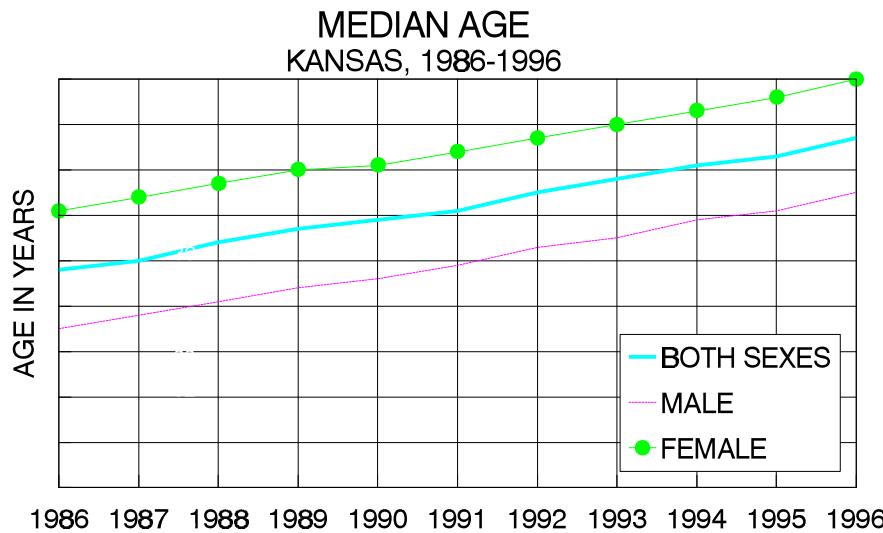
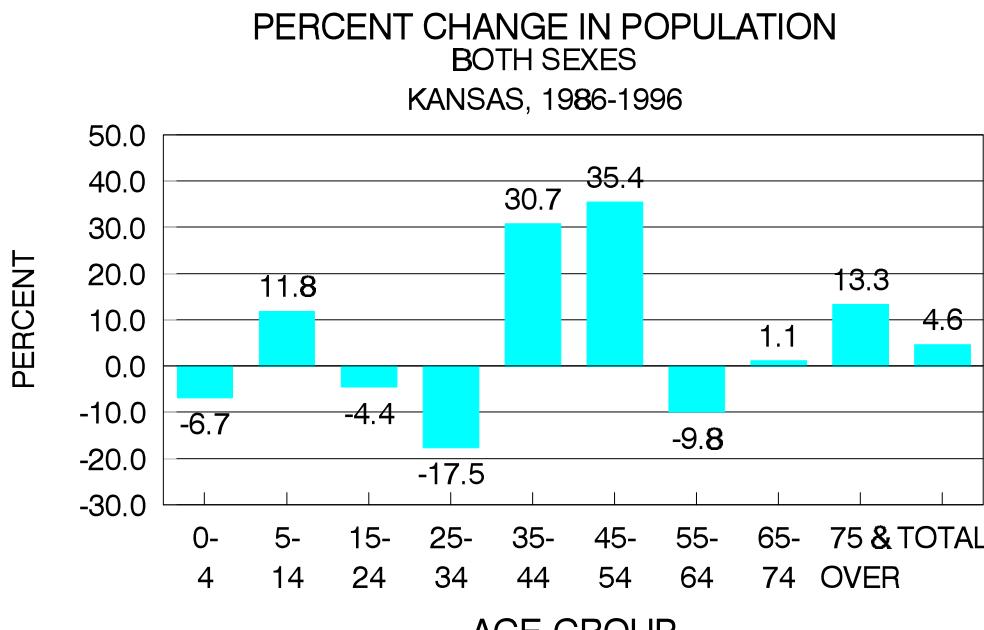


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AGE-GROUP  
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TABLE 4  
KANSAS POPULATION BY AGE-GROUP AND SEX\*  
1986-1996  
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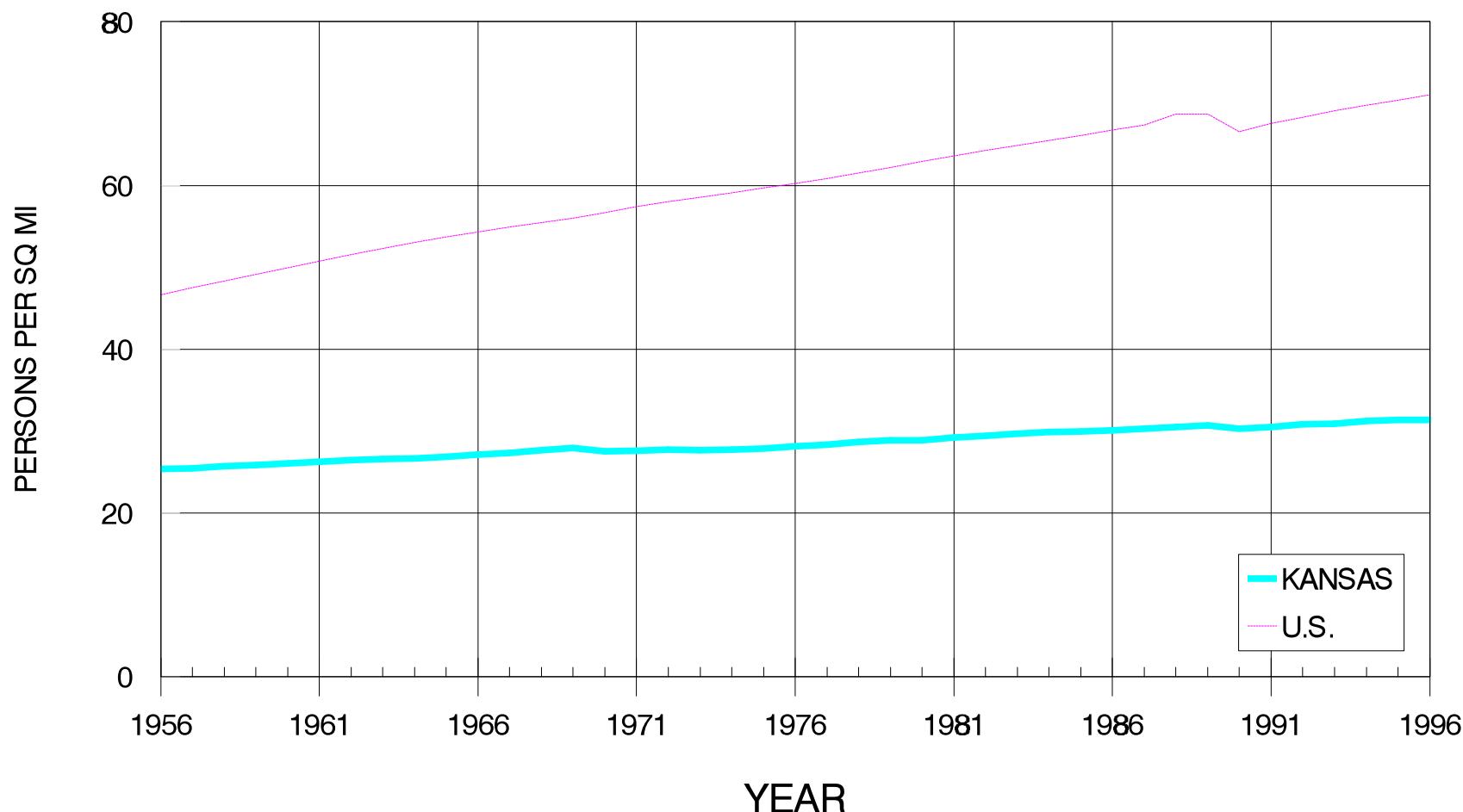
Age-Group												Percent Change 1986-1996
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
Both Sexes												
0-4.....	193	192	191	191	188	190	187	186	184	183	180	-6.7
5-14.....	346	353	360	370	375	382	387	391	395	394	387	11.8
15-24.....	383	372	364	356	352	352	355	356	359	362	366	-4.4
25-34.....	441	444	446	442	413	403	396	385	378	372	364	-17.5
35-44.....	319	331	344	357	361	378	388	393	403	411	417	30.7
45-54.....	223..	226	233	238	235	238	255	265	278	289	302	35.4
55-64.....	225.	222	220	216	209	205	204	202	203	203	203	-9.8
65-74.....	180	184	184	186	185	186	186	186	187	183	182	1.1
75 and Over.....	150.....	153	154	157	158	160	164	167	167	168	170	13.3
Total.....	2,460..	2,476	2,495 **	2,513 **	2,478 **	2,495 **	2,522 **	2,531 **	2,554 **	2,565 **	2,572 **	4.6
Median Age	31.8	32.0	32.4	32.7	32.9	33.1	33.5	33.8	34.1	34.3	34.7	9.1
Males												
0-4.....	99	99	98	98	97	98	96	95	95	94	93	-6.1
5-14.....	178	182	185	190	193	197	199	201	203	203	199	11.8
15-24.....	197	192	187	183	182	182	183	184	185	186	189	-4.1
25-34.....	225	227	228	226	208	203	200	194	191	188	183	-18.7
35-44.....	158	165	171	177	183	191	196	199	204	208	211	33.5
45-54.....	110..	110	114	117	116	117	126	131	137	143	149	35.5
55-64.....	107..	106	105	104	100	98	98	97	98	97	98	-8.4
65-74.....	80	82	82	84	82	83	83	84	84	83	82	2.5
75 and Over.....	52.....	53	53	54	55	56	58	59	59	60	61	17.3
Total.....	1,206..	1,214	1,224	1,233	1,215	1,225	1,239	1,244	1,256	1,262	1,266 **	5.0
Median Age	30.5	30.8	31.1	31.4	31.6	31.9	32.3	32.5	32.9	33.1	33.5	9.8
Females												
0-4.....	94	93	93	93	92	92	91	90	90	89	88	-6.4
5-14.....	168	171	175	180	183	186	188	190	192	192	188	11.9
15-24.....	186	181	177	173	171	170	172	173	174	175	177	-4.8
25-34.....	216	218	218	216	205	200	196	191	187	184	181	-16.2
35-44.....	160	167	173	179	179	187	192	194	199	203	206	28.8
45-54.....	114..	115	119	121	119	120	129	134	141	147	153	34.2
55-64.....	117..	115	115	112	109	107	106	105	105	105	105	-10.3
65-74.....	100	102	102	102	103	103	103	103	103	101	100	0.0
75 and Over.....	98.....	99	101	102	103	105	106	108	108	108	109	11.2
Total.....	1,254..	1,262	1,271	1,279	1,263	1,270	1,283	1,288	1,298	1,304	1,306 **	4.1
Median Age	33.1	33.4	33.7	34.0	34.1	34.4	34.7	35.0	35.3	35.6	36.0	8.8

\*U.S. Census Bureau estimates may not add to totals due to rounding.

The population count for 1990 is for April 1.

\*\*See Technical Notes on page 146.

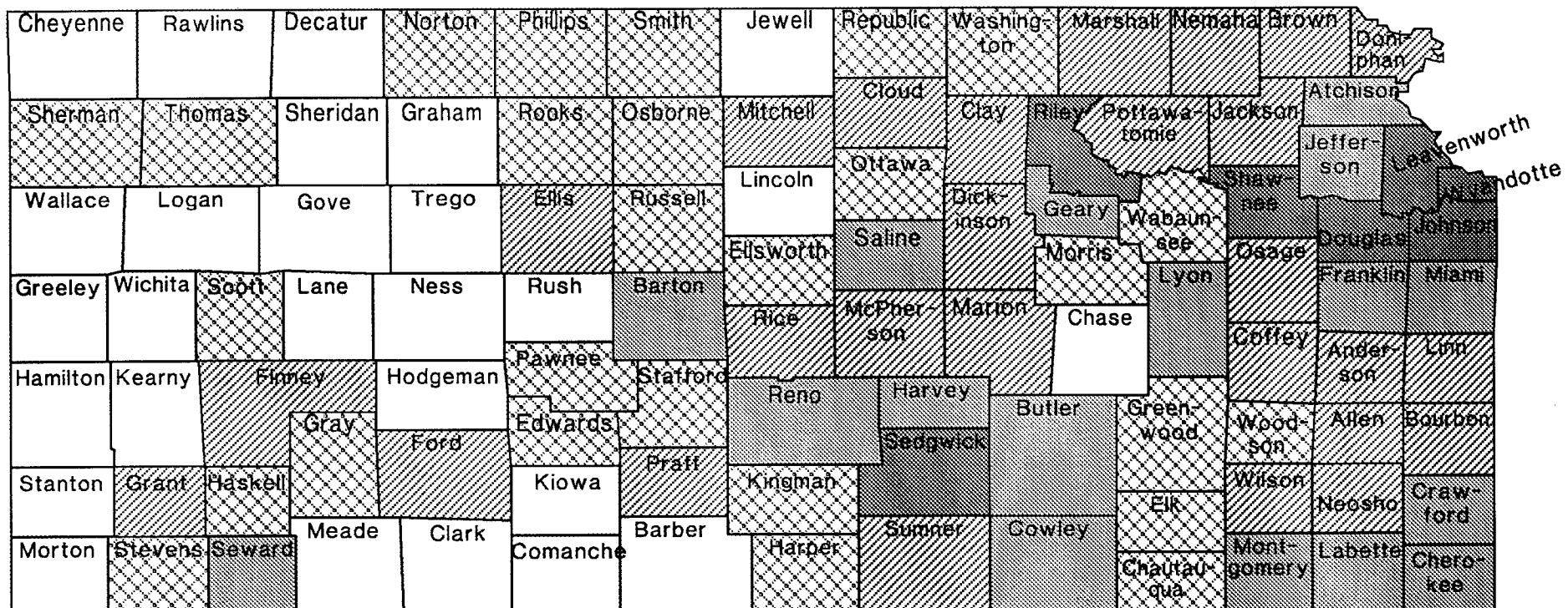
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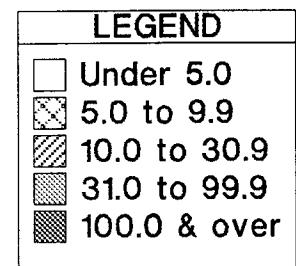
Figure 8

# POPULATION DENSITY BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE KANSAS, 1996



### INHABITANTS PER SQUARE MILE

## STATE POPULATION DENSITY: 31.4



**Figure 9**